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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

CHEN et al.

Serial No.: 09/710,104

Art Unit: Unassigned

Filing Date: 9 November 2000

Examiner: Unassigned

Title:      INDUCTION OF MUCOSAL  
             IMMUNITY BY VACCINATION  
             VIA THE SKIN ROUTE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (*Filing Date Granted*), that notice having been mailed 22 February 2001. This response is being filed within the statutory two month period for response, and no extensions of time are deemed necessary. Entry of this preliminary amendment, the attached Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, remarks and the attached Sequence Listing is respectfully requested.

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS/MATERIALS

Accompanying this preliminary amendment are the following documents and/or materials: (1) a fully executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; (2) Part 2 of the Notice to File Missing Parts; (3) new page 45 of the specification consisting of a printed Sequence Listing; (4) a diskette containing a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing; and (5) a Reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

AMENDMENT

Replacement and Renumbering of Pages:

Please enter the attached one page of printed Sequence Listing as new page --45--.

Please renumber original pages "45-49" as pages --46-50--.

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